

UNITED STATES IS BUILDING WORLD'S LARGEST WARSHIP

California is to Be First Dreadnaught Driven by Electric Motors.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—The new battleship California will be the world's first electric dreadnaught and from point of size will be greater than any foreign battleship built or building. The California and her two sister ships, the Mississippi and the Idaho, already authorized, will each displace 22,000 tons, almost 1,000 tons more than the new dreadnaught Pennsylvania now on the way to completion.

The California will be a ship of innovations. It will cost \$7,800,000 without its armor or armament which is expected to cost as much more. It will have a speed of twenty-one knots an hour, will be 624 feet long, ninety-seven feet across and its beams will draw thirty feet of water. It will carry twelve fourteen inch guns, mounted three abreast in a turret, twenty-two five inch rapid fire guns and will have four submerged torpedo tubes.

The principal feature of the new dreadnaught, however, is the machinery for propelling it by electricity. It will be driven by motors which will deliver electricity made by steam. The navy experts believe the electric installation is cheaper than steam propulsion and reduces the weight of machinery. The collier Jupiter has been so successful with electric machinery that the navy feels justified in adapting it to a dreadnaught.

Outwardly the California will bring a drastic change of line and appearance to the battle fleet. Instead of the blunt gray nose of the present day big fighter its bows will be tapered into a graceful yacht like stem much like those of the famous clipper sailing ships that carried the American flag at the head of the world's swiftest craft in the 40's and 50's. It will be the first time since the steel ships replaced the old frigates and ships of the line that clipper stems have been seen in the fleet. Its overhanging bow will project more than twenty feet beyond her cutwater and will give place for three anchors instead of two as on the present ships. The third will hang plumb over the stem. The new bow will make for keeping the California a dry ship, as the sailors say, keeping its foredeck free of water in all but the heaviest weather. The fine underwater lines of the other ships, which make for speed have been carried above the water line on the California and its bows will be flared near the deck line, so when it does not cut through a wave, it will lift its head over it.

The model of the California's hull was thoroughly tested in the testing tank at the navy yard here before the radical changes were decided upon. When the new ship is ready for its first trial trip late in 1917 or 1918, it promises a most interesting study for the naval experts of the world.

BRYAN

Is to Address the National Convention of the Friends of Peace.

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—A resolution declaring against the shipment of war munitions from this country to European belligerents and urging Congress to buy up all munitions factories so as to make shipments impossible will be brought before the national convention of the Friends of Peace which will be opened here tomorrow.

Hundreds of delegates arrived to-night and hundreds more were expected tomorrow. A big majority were German-Americans. Chairman Walker said: "The organization is not pro-German, though," he added, "Germans naturally want to see the war ended because of the fearful sacrifice it exacts from their brothers. German-Americans exceed in number any other portion of our citizens who are of foreign blood. That is why they predominate in this convention."

It was announced tonight that William J. Bryan will address the convention Monday afternoon and probably also will speak at a mass meeting in the evening.

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STOCK TRADING VERY LISTLESS

And Irregular at First but Becomes More Active the Last Hour on Exchange.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—All the familiar holiday aspects were presented by today's two hour session of the stock exchange. Trading was very listless and irregular in the first part but became more active at a generally higher level later with numerous net gains.

Yesterday's revival of interest in the coal shares was renewed, those issues absorbing the major part of the overture. Colorado Fuel, Norfolk and Western, Chesapeake and Ohio, Western Maryland and Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke were the active features, the latter advancing seven and one-half points to 65 in the final dealings. Canadian Pacific became active and strong rising three points to 154 5/8. United States Steel also made its high quotation at that period, selling at 75 1/4, seven-eighths over yesterday's closing.

Foreign exchange was a negligible factor, there being virtually no dealings in remittances to Europe except a few bills on London for which a rate of 4.86 3/4 was quoted.

MURDER CASE

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opinion that the motive of the crime was robbery.

It was pointed out by others interested in the case that while a retraction by the prisoners of any statement could be used against them was not surprising, the significance of their action lay in its effect upon a jury. If it could be shown that they had told two stories diametrically opposed to their final testimony in court, even if against Mrs. Mohr, it would be weakened by an attack on their general veracity.

Grudge Against Doctor.
Mrs. Mohr from the first has stoutly maintained her innocence and explained the murder saying that Brown had a grudge against the doctor since his discharge from his employment at the Mohr home and that robbery probably was an added incentive for the killing.

Today's repetition of the alleged confession was made voluntarily by the three men and without knowledge of counsel. It was made in the form of a statement given to a newspaper man, who had been admitted to the jail yard by the warden. Heals and Brown dig most of the talking, but the three were agreed on all points.

To Prove Alib.
Summarized, their declaration was that they were wholly innocent of the crime, as was Mrs. Mohr, as far as they knew that they would be able to prove alibis, any alleged admissions were made under duress while they were subjected to "third degree" methods; the police had put in their mouths statements to which they assented in anger or derision, and it was common report that Dr. Mohr had enemies.

Heals asserted that he had found in the doctor's car a letter from a neighbor in which the latter said that he would fill the physician full of bullets if Mohr did not cease his attentions to the writer's wife.

No Will Found Yet.
Search will by Mr. Mohr have been futile up to the present. The custodians of his personal estate today opened his safe deposit box in a local bank, but found only life insurance policies, leases, miscellaneous papers and some jewelry. Next week they will open a similar box rented by the doctor in a bank at Newport.

Mrs. Mohr, who is out on bail, and the three men who are locked up, will be given a hearing on September 16, but it is considered doubtful that their cases will be heard by the grand jury before the December sitting. She is charged with inciting, and the men with committing the murder.

The penalty for first degree murder in this state is life imprisonment. Capital punishment was abolished some years ago.

BIG BATTLE

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the Dvina, southeast of Riga.

At present the Russians have behind them a large number of roads leading east and northeast and as they have proved themselves to be masters of retreat military writers here are convinced that they will remain nowhere long enough to be caught. The rear guards, of course, occasionally fall into the hands of the pursuers.

Bombard German Trenches.
The French, British and Belgians continue an insistent bombardment of the German trenches and cantonments in the west, but thus far the expected offensive has not developed and the designs of General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, are not disclosed.

A heavy fall of snow has added to the difficulties of the Italians and Austrians in the Alps. But they continue the bombardment of the opposing positions and both claim success.

The invasion of Romania by the Austro-Germans with or without a declaration of war is being discussed as a probability in the Balkan capitals and as no aid could be sent to her in men and munitions until the Dardanelles are opened, it is expected the efforts to force the straits will be further increased by the armies and navies of the allies.

MAJOR CONRAD DEAD.

WINCHESTER, Va., Sept. 4.—Major Holmes Conrad, solicitor general of the United States during the last administration of President Cleveland, died at his home here today, aged 76. He served in the Confederate army and for several years represented Virginia in West Virginia debt litigation.

BADLY WANTED IS MR. COATES

Along With General Elliott by the Colorado Military Court of Inquiry.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 4.—Another badly wanted witness summoned by the Colorado military court of inquiry joined the ranks of the officially missing today. Bailiffs reports that they had been unable to find R. W. Coates, a detective, said to have been imported by the United Mine Workers in collaboration with C. D. Elliott, who last night was located in West Virginia.

The court decided to make further efforts to serve a subpoena on Coates and if he was found, it was expected that he will be given an opportunity next week to unfold his version of the alleged plot to disrupt the Colorado national guard and obtain indictments against guard officers and coal operators.

Major George M. Lee demanded he be confronted with C. M. McCutcheon, one of the sponsors for charges of financial irregularities against Lee. Lee had been summoned to testify to do but as McCutcheon was not present his examination went over until next week. McCutcheon was examined yesterday. He was understood to have alleged that Lee failed to make proper distribution of funds to guardsmen who went to the national rifle shoot at Camp Perry, O., in 1913. Lee denied that he wrongfully withheld any money. He said the controversy was merely a matter of accounting and that he had retained a certain part of the funds to settle bills yet to be presented.

ALL U. S. SOLDIERS

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Rangers and armed citizens, ended late this afternoon. One American trooper was wounded.

At 4 o'clock the Mexicans withdrew from the south bank of the Rio Grande and hid in the brush apparently waiting another opportunity to attack the Americans.

The battle was waged practically the entire day, the two forces firing at each other across the Rio Grande at a point four miles west of Old Hidalgo, Tex.

Long Line of Battle.
The participants were stretched out in the brush on a battle line two miles long.

The injured American was John Salvia, private in Troop D, Third Cavalry, who sustained a serious wound in the left hip. He was taken Mission, Tex.

Captain Frank McCoy, who commanded the American forces, returned to Mission tonight. He reported ten dead Mexicans could be seen from the Texas side and that probably as many more Mexicans had been killed in the brush by shots fired from the Texas side. Earlier unofficial reports today placed the Mexican dead at twenty-five to thirty.

Forty Mexicans Engaged.
The number of Mexicans engaged was placed at forty.

When the fight ended the Americans were in possession of three crossings between Mexico and Texas in the vicinity of Mission, Hidalgo is sixty-four miles west of Brownsville.

The Mexicans made no attempt to cross the river, but opened fire early today at an American ranchman on the Texas side of the border and later at a detachment of cavalry ordered to the scene yesterday, when they chased back to the Mexican side a band of invaders who had crossed the river Thursday night and looted a number of American stores.

The Mexicans were said to have begun today's encounter by unprovoked firing across the river after maneuvering through the brush until they had spread up and down a tortuous river bank for a distance of two miles.

Cavalry Goes to Defense.
The Mexicans' fire was returned by troopers who soon were joined by rangers from Mission. Word also was sent to Mission and Captain McCoy and the remainder of the two troops of cavalry there went to reinforce the small detachment near Hidalgo.

The trouble was confined to the Mission and the Brownsville districts. In the sections surrounding this city troops of cavalry and companies of infantry aided by more than fifty automobile loads of citizens searched for members of the bandit gang, which terrorized the county eleven miles north of here Thursday and murdered two Americans, J. S. Smith and Earl Donaldson.

So far as has been reported to Fort Brown seven members of the gang have been killed and the other members are unaccounted for.

Searching for Band.
This afternoon a band of thirteen Mexicans was reported south of San Benito. A detachment of cavalry was sent out in search of them but it developed they were headed for the Rio Grande.

Fort Brown then notified a detachment of infantry, hidden in an advantageous point near the Rio Grande five miles from Brownsville, that the band would probably come in that direction. Simultaneously a detachment of cavalry under Lieutenant Crittenden left Brownsville for the vicinity of the hidden infantrymen. The cavalry reached the vicinity in time to

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prevent the Mexicans from crossing but a civilian accidentally prevented the capture by firing a shot. Thus warned the

Mexicans Escaped
Headquarters of the lower border patrol will be shifted tomorrow from Brownsville to Harlingen, twenty-six miles north of here. Colonel Robert L. Bullard of the Twenty-Sixth Infantry will be in command. The Twenty-sixth infantry will be concentrated at Harlingen and will be replaced at Fort Brown by the Fourth Infantry due to arrive Sunday from Texas City. The territory immediately around Brownsville will be guarded by the Fourth Infantry, two squadrons of the Third Cavalry and two batteries of artillery, one a howitzer and one a rifle battery.

GUERRILLA WARFARE ON MEXICAN BORDER NOW

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Border raids now approximating guerrilla warfare between Mexicans and American troops and Texas Rangers have overshadowed the internal political situation in Mexico and in the view of American officials have become a menace to the already strained relations between the two countries.

Although Major General Funston in charge of the troops at the border has practically all the mobile forces in the United States under his command, today's reports of firing across the frontier and encounters with the raiders led to the discussion among administration officials as to whether some more positive measures should not be taken.

Recall Taylor Steps.
Army officers recalled that General Taylor in 1906 took stern steps to quell a situation which was almost the same.

There were no official advices to support reports that Mexican troops were massing along the northeast border of Texas, but the question of protecting the line was regarded with growing apprehension. Military commanders in that section deny that any of their men are among the raiders, but it has been reported that some of those killed were uniforms.

General Carranza's reply to the Pan-American peace appeal still was lacking today and among his supporters here it was predicted it would be a rejection.

DEDICATION

Of Colossal Iron Hinderburg in Berlin is Attended by Thousands of Germans.

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—As many thousands of Berlin's inhabitants as could pack themselves into the square surrounding the column of victory assembled today for the dedication of the colossal iron Hinderburg—a thirty-foot wooden statue, which will be sheathed with gold, silver and iron nails purchased in the interest of a fund for the rebuilding of East Prussia.

The Princess August Wilhelm representing the empress drove the first gold nail into the base of the statue. Other possessor of gold nails bought for 100 marks (\$25) apiece then filed up in a seemingly endless procession. It was hours before the purchasers of silver nails, which cost five marks each, could even get to the statue. It probably will take days and even weeks before the iron nails purchased at one mark apiece can be driven. The total amount realized by the advance sale is expected to run into hundreds of thousands of marks.

THANKS WILSON.

SAGAMORE BEACH, Mass., Sept. 4.—Resolutions expressing confidence and gratitude for President Wilson's "Christian leadership of our nation in this grave hour," were adopted at the annual state conference of the Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Union here tonight.

GERMAN WAR LOAN

Attracts Much Attention and Subscription is Likely to Be Highly Successful.

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—The third German war loan announced this week is attracting much attention in all circles and it is stated that everything indicates the subscription will be highly successful.

A considerable number of big subscriptions already have been announced. The Krupp family has subscribed forty million marks (\$10,000,000) and the Berlin municipality forty-five million marks (\$11,250,000).

The financial press has advocated that Germans sell foreign securities to raise money for subscribing, since the gain in exchange makes it advantageous to sell now. The Tagblatt, however, warns against selling certain American bonds in view of the depressed price in New York. The newspaper expressed the opinion that it is better to hold the bonds for price recovery after the war.

NO SPECIAL

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gave evidence of gratification when he read the Rome despatch of last night quoting the pope as expressing the belief that the president was now in a position to address the belligerents with authority and probably could induce them to take the preliminary steps which would lead to negotiations for peace. He made no comment, however.

CARDINAL DELIVERED MESSAGE TO WILSON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—When Cardinal Gibbons called at the White House on Thursday he said he had delivered a message to the president from Pope Benedict. The cardinal, however, declined to discuss the contents of the message.

From other sources it was learned that a message had reached Cardinal Gibbons by cable on Monday.

HUNDRED

Mark is Passed in the Population of the County Jail.

With the addition of the fifteen negroes who were arrested in a raid upon a Traders alley club house late Saturday night, the population of the county jail went over the hundred mark, 103 prisoners now being confined there. Saturday night a week ago there were seventy-five prisoners in the jail and since then a number of short road sentence men have been discharged. Of the number now in

FLOODS

In Italy as the Result of Torrential Rains Several Days Are Very Violent.

ROME, Sept. 3.—Torrential rains have fallen throughout Italy for several days turning some of the rivers into violent floods with resulting disasters.

Barl has been a heavy sufferer. Here houses were swept away and a number of people have been drowned. In Naples several quarters of the city are under water.

TEDDY TO HUNT.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Former President Theodore Roosevelt left here today for northern Quebec where for a month he will fish and hunt in company with his friend, Dr. Alexander Lambert.

OAK TREE PLANTED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—An oak tree, brought from Valley Forge, was planted today before the Pennsylvania building by Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, as part of the celebration of "Pennsylvania day" at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

HONOR MEMORY OF PETROLEUM FINDER



Edwin L. Drake.

The people of western Pennsylvania have just finished celebrating the fifty-sixth anniversary of the discovery of petroleum by Edwin L. Drake, who operated near Oil City, Pa., and bored the first oil well in 1859. Although Drake's discovery added millions to the wealth of the state, he died in poverty. The National Petroleum Association has announced its intention to keep alive the name of Drake and do him honor.

LION ATTACKS

Tamer at a Carnival and Tears Him Almost to Pieces Before He is Rescued.

BERWICK, Pa., Sept. 4.—Attacked by a lion that felled him to the floor of the cage before 500 persons at a carnival today, Carl Houston, 25 years old, a lion tamer, was torn almost to pieces before he was rescued. His arms and legs are torn and an eye is destroyed and his chest crushed.

Houston was in the cage with five lions and had his back turned to the one that attacked him.



SECOND ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
At Rules held in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Harrison County, on Monday, the 30th day of August, 1915, the following order was entered:

Perelman Company, Incorporated, a corporation, plaintiff,
vs. In Assumpsit.
Morris Birnbaum, Max Harris and Herman Warren, partners doing business under the firm name and style of Morris Birnbaum Company, defendants.

The object of the above entitled action is for the recovery of money advanced to the said defendants by the plaintiff, and which money is due, owing and unpaid from the said defendants to the said plaintiff.

And it appearing from an affidavit filed in said action that the said Morris Birnbaum, Max Harris and Herman Warren are non-residents of this state, it is ordered that they do appear within one month from the date of the first publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interests herein.

Given under my hand this 30th day of August, 1915.

J. WADE COFFMAN, Clerk.

SPERRY & SPERRY,
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